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Hongkong, April 30, 1896.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, April 27, 1896.

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L'Asieur du Tonkin says the measures adopted by the French authorities to alleviate the sufferings of the people by the importation of rice alone will cost the Colony \$200,000.

The closing cruise of the season of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club will take place on Sunday, the 17th May 1896. The Commodore will leave the *Victor Emanuel* at 11 a.m. There will be a Ladies' Race at 3 p.m. over a course to be decided on before the start. A launch will accompany the fleet and tea will be provided. The prizes will be presented on the launch after the race.

Shortly after ten o'clock last night the first floor of No. 73 Jarvis Street was discovered to be on fire. The whole of No. 73 Jarvis Street and the top floor of No. 12 Burd Street, which adjoins, are occupied as a tea and tobacco store. The Fire Brigade turned out, under Captain Leithbridge and Deputy-Superintendent Corcoran, and succeeded in extinguishing the fire after the first and second floors of No. 73 Jarvis Street and the top floor of No. 12 Burd Street were gutted. The ground floor of No. 73 Jarvis Street, occupied as the office, was damaged by water. During the progress of the fire Sergeant Ford who was engaged in fire brigade duty, was hit in the temple with a falling brick, and had to be removed to the Hospital. One of the occupants of the house in Jarvis Street, on discovering it to be on fire, jumped, from a window on the second floor and landed on a sunshade below, receiving slight injuries. The fire was caused by the bursting of a kerosene lamp on the first floor of No. 73 Jarvis Street. The master has gone to some place in the vicinity of Canton, and the building is insured for \$8,500 in the Hamburg Bremen Insurance Co. (Messrs Carlowitz and Co.)

Following up the article we published last night giving a statement of Chinese grievances in regard to the cleansing operations of the Whittowah Brigade, a correspondent sends us what he styles: "Plague Yarns current amongst Christian Chinese." The following is the essence of the 'yarns,' which, he assures us, are universally credited in Hongkong:—English doctors lose more Plague patients than Chinese doctors because English doctors do not understand Plague when they see it. If a Chinese has fever the English doctor suspects Plague and sends him to Kennedy Town. There the man catches the Plague and dies—confirming the diagnosis. In Sai-ying-poon in one flat dwell four Chinese. All were ill. The Sanitary Board swooped and swept three of the four into Kennedy Town. The fourth man escaped to Canton. He returned a week later, alive and well, to bemoan the fate of the three victims to British medical science, and laud their goods and chattels. Chinese doctors understand the Plague completely. The one golden principle that the English doctors fail to grasp is that the medicine must be varied with the idiosyncrasies of the patient. As English doctors fail to understand this, they lose four patients out of ten.

Hongkong is by no means the only place in the world where the native population is addicted to filthy habits and where the Sanitary Authorities have to combat a deeply engrained dislike to cleanliness of houses and habitation. Filth is common to all Oriental cities, and will be, we suppose, till the millennium. In Colombo, the Municipal Council has been bestirring itself on the subject of sanitation. A Special Committee reported recently on the condition of the overcrowded localities of the town, and the Council, among other things, decided to take action, in accordance with the provisions of the law, against the owners of insanitary buildings, to employ an additional sanitary inspector, and to get an expert—Mr. Baldwin Latham is mentioned—to report on the sanitation of the town. The Colonial Government has agreed to bear half the cost of a report on the drainage and sanitation of Colombo, the Municipality bearing the other half, and hopes are entertained that an eminent expert will soon be obtained to furnish this report. The Government of Hongkong having elected to ignore certain of the recommendations of the Permanent Committee of the Sanitary Board for the regeneration of this Colony from a sanitary standpoint, would it not be a good idea to co-operate with Colombo in getting the services of an eminent sanitary expert who might also be asked to give an opinion on the dual drainage system with which this Colony is blessed? Sanitation is a very serious subject, but it is possible to extract some humour from it after all. Recently a District Surgeon in an Oriental city concluded his exhortation to a subordinate as follows:—"Yes; that's all right, but what is principally needed is 'elbow-grease'—you understand?" "Yes, sir," replied the subordinate; but in his district report a month later appeared the following entry: "Elbow-grease not being procurable, tar and sulphur were burnt instead in all the streets and lanes." What we want in Hongkong is principally 'elbow-grease,' and with the large staff of sanitary officers now employed there would be less need for police assistance if the whole of the employees would only devote a reasonable amount of steady application to purely sanitary duties.

Last night Dr O.B. Martin, of the steamer *Menmuir*, died in the Civil Hospital. The doctor belonged to Sydney, and having been ailing for some time had shipped for the round trip on the *Menmuir* for the benefit of his health. The funeral took place this afternoon to the Happy Valley.

On Wednesday, the day he arrived in the Colony, His Honour Chief Justice Carrington, paid a visit to the Supreme Court House (he must have thought it a miserable looking shanty), and was introduced to all the officers of the Court by Mr. Kythe, Registrar. We understand His Lordship will begin his official career in the Colony by holding the Criminal Sessions on Monday, the 18th inst.

There is something essentially practical in the patriotism of our Canadian and Australian cousins. No sooner was the new Soudan expedition mooted than Canada offered the services of a cavalry regiment. Now, a New Zealand gentleman suggests that Australia should present the Mother Country with a new battleship costing half-a-million pounds. The strangest thing about this latest proposal is that the originator of the scheme is not even a Britisher. His name is Ziman. He is the New Zealand representative of a powerful English mining company formed to work mines on the West Coast of the South Island. He says such a gift would raise an amount of enthusiasm in England for the colonies which one could hardly realise. Although he is a foreigner, he desires, he says, to show his loyalty and affection for the Empire which gives liberty and protection to all who wish to live under its flag. Two considerations will temper public enthusiasm in the proposal. Firstly, if it is to be an everlasting advertisement solely to make Australasian patriotism the laughing-stock of Christendom; secondly, it would be more becoming if Australia sought to wipe out her indebtedness to home investors before presenting battleships to Great Britain.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.
[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']
LONDON, May 13, 1896.
CHOLERA IN ALEXANDRIA.
Cholera has broken out to an alarming extent at Alexandria.

ITALIAN TROOPS LEAVING AFRICA.
Fifteen thousand Italian troops are about to embark at Massawah on their return to Italy.

THE EDUCATION BILL.
The Education Bill has been read a second time in the House of Commons.

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.
Sir John Pender has resigned his seat in Parliament owing to ill health.

(L'Asieur du Tonkin).

THE ITALIANS IN ABYSSINIA.
Paris, May 7.
It is said that the Italians will pay an indemnity to King Menelik in order to be allowed to evacuate Adigrat.

THE CZAREWITZ.
The Czarewitsch and his mother will leave Nice on the 15th of May.

A DEFAULTING LAUNDRYMAN.
PROSECUTION BY THE SANITARY BOARD.

At the Magistrate's, this morning, before Commissioner Hastings, Luf Lan Kai, Laundryman, was charged with using the 'base'ment' of No. 6, Staveley Street for habitation without the written permission of the Sanitary Board. Mr. Pender from Mr. E. L. Denford (Official) appeared for the defendant. Inspector Baidie stated that on the 7th instant he had visited the basement of No. 6, Staveley Street at 10.45 p.m. and found four men there. He reported to the Board and was instructed to prosecute. He had served defendant with notice to cease his base-ment, on the 15th April. Defendant had applied to the Board for permission to continue using the premises, to which the Secretary had replied that the application would be considered after certain necessary repairs had been effected by the owner of the house. A bail was now being built across the front of the premises under the supervision of Messrs Leigh and Orange, and when that was completed, the 'base-ment' would be converted into a 'ground-floor' and might lawfully be used for any purpose. The basement was 14 feet high in front, and might be 23 feet high at the back. Mr. Baidie stated that there had been a technical breach of the law, but the defendant understood from the letter of the Secretary of the Sanitary Board that he might continue to use the premises while the repairs were being effected and pending the further consideration of the defendant's application for a formal permission. He said he had been asked to give an opinion on the dual drainage system with which this Colony is blessed? Sanitation is a very serious subject, but it is possible to extract some humour from it after all. Recently a District Surgeon in an Oriental city concluded his exhortation to a subordinate as follows:—"Yes; that's all right, but what is principally needed is 'elbow-grease'—you understand?" "Yes, sir," replied the subordinate; but in his district report a month later appeared the following entry: "Elbow-grease not being procurable, tar and sulphur were burnt instead in all the streets and lanes." What we want in Hongkong is principally 'elbow-grease,' and with the large staff of sanitary officers now employed there would be less need for police assistance if the whole of the employees would only devote a reasonable amount of steady application to purely sanitary duties.

W. ROBINSON & Co. have 150 Planos for Hire on Monthly Payments, also Planos returned from Hire cheap.

THE STRANDING OF THE MENMUIR.

MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Marine Court of Inquiry was held at the Harbour Office to-day to consider the circumstances connected with the stranding of the British steamship *Menmuir*, of which Hugh Craig is commander, on the 1st May, on the voyage from Kobe to the Coast of China. The Court was presided over by Mr. Murray Ramsey, R.N., St. Paul's (President); Mr. J. H. Hastings (of Mr. V. H. Deacon's Office) said he was prepared to prove his case.

Mr. E. J. Grist, on behalf of the defendant—Your Lordship, a receiving order has been made in this case, and before my friend can proceed with it under the Bankruptcy Act he must obtain the leave of the judge. A receiving order stays all proceedings.

Mr. Hastings—What authority have you got for that?

His Lordship—Section 11, sub-section 2, of the Bankruptcy Ordinance.

Mr. Hastings—I should like to know if my friend disputes the debt. If he admits the debt, of course there will be no necessity for my going on.

His Lordship read Section 11, sub-section 2.

Mr. Hastings—I take it from that if Mr. Grist wishes proceedings to be stayed he must apply to the Bankruptcy Court for an order.

Mr. Grist—There is an amending Ordinance; I think it is No. 6 of 1893. I have not got my copy here.

His Lordship—There is no amendment to Section 11, sub-section 2. You can have a look of my copy.

Mr. Grist—I find the Section in the amending Ordinance is Section 6. Under that my friend is obliged to apply to the Bankruptcy Court to obtain leave to proceed.

Mr. Hastings—That is so. I will make my application to the Official Receiver.

In suits Nos. 681 and 690 (Sassoon and others v. Watts for \$180, and Walker v. Watts for \$400), Mr. H. W. Looker (of Mr. V. H. Deacon's Office) appeared for the plaintiffs. These suits, he said, were on all four counts in which his friend, (Mr. Hastings), appeared, and he presumed the same course would be followed.

His Lordship assented.

KWANG-TUNG NOTES.

News of the terrible famine in Kwangtung has been circulating throughout the whole of Kwangtung Province. In all the districts and prefectures, subscriptions are being raised for the relief of the sufferers; all the charitable institutions are bestirring themselves. All subscriptions will be forwarded through the Kwong Yuen Tong Charitable Institution to the famine-stricken districts. The amount already subscribed for this purpose from various sources is now no less than 70,000 dollars. Two loads of rice have since been despatched to the famine districts, conveyed by junks and towed by steam launches. A third consignment of rice for the sufferers is being prepared and will be despatched from Canton within the next few days.

MIXING EXPLOITATION.

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SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before His Honour Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Judge.)

Friday, May 15.

In re W. W. Watts.

To suit No. 687, Brewer v. Watts, for \$616.84. Mr. J. Hastings (of Mr. V. H. Deacon's Office) said he was prepared to prove his case.

Mr. E. J. Grist, on behalf of the defendant—Your Lordship, a receiving order has been made in this case, and before my friend can proceed with it under the Bankruptcy Act he must obtain the leave of the judge. A receiving order stays all proceedings.

Mr. Hastings—What authority have you got for that?

His Lordship—Section 11, sub-section 2, of the Bankruptcy Ordinance.

Mr. Hastings—I should like to know if my friend disputes the debt. If he admits the debt, of course there will be no necessity for my going on.

His Lordship read Section 11, sub-section 2.

Mr. Hastings—I take it from that if Mr. Grist wishes proceedings to be stayed he must apply to the Bankruptcy Court for an order.

Mr. Grist—There is an amending Ordinance; I think it is No. 6 of 1893. I have not got my copy here.

His Lordship—There is no amendment to Section 11, sub-section 2. You can have a look of my copy.

Mr. Grist—I find the Section in the amending Ordinance is Section 6. Under that my friend is obliged to apply to the Bankruptcy Court to obtain leave to proceed.

Mr. Hastings—That is so. I will make my application to the Official Receiver.

In suits Nos. 681 and 690 (Sassoon and others v. Watts for \$180, and Walker v. Watts for \$400), Mr. H. W. Looker (of Mr. V. H. Deacon's Office) appeared for the plaintiffs. These suits, he said, were on all four counts in which his friend, (Mr. Hastings), appeared, and he presumed the same course would be followed.

His Lordship assented.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

WHY THERE!

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, 15th May, 1896.

Sir,—Perhaps the Capt. Superintendent of Prisons or those who are responsible for his policies ignore the fact that two American and sometimes as many as three dead boxes used for carrying persons suffering from Bubonic Plague and dead bodies from the city to the Hospital, &c., are lying on one side of the road—the much-frequented Old Bailey Street, instead of their being kept inside the Police Compound, without the least sign of their having been disinfected after being in use. They certainly make no grand show there, whilst, on the contrary, may prove a source of danger to the little children of the people living in front of the spot referred to above, who innocently and without apprehension, play about close to these gruesome objects. The boxes, moreover, are undoubtedly, an undesirable sight to the general public, and especially to

OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATION IN HONGKONG.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, May 15, 1896.

Sir,—It is now fifteen months since the Government resumed the condemned area in Kowloon at a cost of \$500,000. At 5 per cent, this means a sum of \$250,000. Some for Official Administration—Yours,

RATEPAYER.

THE COMMERCIAL TREATY WITH CHINA.

It does not appear that any very rapid progress is being made in the negotiation of the new commercial treaty between Japan and China. The latter Power is said to have asked for a week's delay to prepare and present a new memorandum, in which its contents will be more definite and ascertainable. In point of fact, Japan is not at all concerned to hasten the negotiations. She cannot possibly expect, nor has she any apparent right to ask for, a treaty embodying to her better terms than those embodied in the existing treaty with Western Powers. Hence the conclusion of the treaty now being negotiated will not benefit her in any degree, for she is already enjoying most-favourable treatment at China's hands. It is somewhat surprising that the leading Japanese journals do not take the trouble to explain the situation exactly to their nationals. Political agitators seek to make capital out of the delay, and claim that their country's merchants were seriously handicapped by it. Yet, if they devoted a moment's honest attention to the question, they would see that their nationals, according to the terms of the Shimoda Treaty, are guaranteed the enjoyment of most-favourable treatment at China's hands. Hence the conclusion of the new treaty, inasmuch as the latter, when concluded, cannot improve upon that treatment, there is not the smallest reason to complain about the tardiness of the negotiations. On the other hand, it is quite true that the Chinese have made attempts that Chinese may make to elude the obligation imposed on them by the Shimoda Treaty, namely, the obligation of placing Japan conventionally on the same footing as Western Powers. It was precisely because such attempts on China's part were to be apprehended, that the Japanese Government insisted on the conclusion of the new treaty. In fact Japan's position is as strong as it could be. She has nothing whatever to lose by China's procrastination, and she has practically nothing to gain by expediting it. If she possessed some temporary means of exacting special concessions from China, the case would be different. But she has no such means, and if any of her subjects imagine that their commercial situation will be improved after the conclusion of the treaty, their mistaken idea is due entirely to want of proper inquiry.—Japan Mail.

THE ASHANTI EXPEDITION HONOURS.

The following appears in the *Gazette* of April 19th, 1896:—The Queen has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following promotion in, and appointments to, the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, in recognition of services rendered in the recent Expedition to Ashanti, &c. To be an Officer of the Most Distinguished Order of Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order.—William Edward Maxwell, Esq., C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Gold Coast Colony.

The following appointments also appear:—To be Ordinary Members of the Third Class, or Companions of the said most distinguished Order:—

Lieut.-Colonel Adolphus James Price, Surgeon-Lieut.-Colonel Blencarnes, Montagu Blencarnes.

Surgeon-Major Edmund Monkhouse Wilcox.

Captain Henry Douglas Lymore, Adjutant-General, Gold Coast Colony.

Henrick Vroom, Esq., one of the District Commissioners, Gold Coast Colony.

WAR OFFICE, APRIL 10.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officers of the West Coast of Africa:—For services in the campaign against the Chief Nana, &c., during the period, August to October, 1894:—

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, viz.:—

Major Peter Wade Grant Copland-Crawford, 7th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Captain Kenneth Jeffrey Rankin Campbell, the Suffolk Regiment.

Captain George Spencer Garland Scott, 4th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment.

For services in the punitive expedition against Numba and Brass villages in February, 1895:—

To be Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, viz.:—

Captain Henry Lionel Galloway, the East Lancashire Regiment.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Karlsruhe..... Tuesday May 26.
Prinz Heinrich..... Tuesday June 23.
Preussen..... Tuesday July 21.
Sachsen..... Tuesday August 18.
Bayern..... Tuesday September 15.
Prinz Heinrich..... Tuesday October 13.
Preussen..... Tuesday November 10.

ON TUESDAY, the 26th day of May, 1896, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *KARLSRUHE*, Captain H. WALTER, with PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 23rd Instant, and will be received on board until 5 p.m. on Monday, the 25th Instant, and will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on MONDAY, the 25th Instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELOCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 2, 1896. 918

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 27th May, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *SYDNEY*, Commandant AUBERT, with PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

The Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the a.s. *Ville de la Cloche*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 8th June, direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 26th May. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to the Company's Office.

O. TOURNAIRE,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, May 13, 1896. 909

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... THURSDAY, May 21, at noon.

City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... SUNDAY, June 7, at daylight.

China (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... THURSDAY, June 25, at noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, 21st May, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to take their journey at any point on route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States of America. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transport on to Yokohama and Japan, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcels must be received at the office until 1 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, May 4, 1896. 931

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.
TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... SATURDAY, May 30, at noon.

Doric (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... TUESDAY, June 16, at noon.

Belge (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... SATURDAY, July 4, at noon.

THE Steamship *GAELIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 30th May, at Noon, connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point on route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
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Hongkong, May 13, 1896. 908

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